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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH MINISTER OF COMMERCE

CHATTOPADHYAYA

1. PTI AND UNI CARRYING STORIES REPORTING ON AUGUST 6
MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND COMMERCE MINISTER
CHATTOPADHYAYA. AS REPORTED BOTH STORIES, TALKS CONCENTRATED ON
POSSIBLE COMMERCIAL COOPERATION AND PROSPECT FOR INCREASED TRADE.
AMBASSADOR TOLD MINISTER INDO-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
WAS PLANNING TO SPONSOR A SPECIAL EXPORT EXPANSION MISSION
TO THE US LATER THIS YEAR. MINISTER GREETED THIS
PROPOSAL AND NOTED THAT
EXPERTISE AND CONTACTS OF CHAMBER WOULD BE HIGHLY USEFUL FOR
TRADE EXPANSION. HE PROMISED FULL GOI COOPERATION.

2. ONE NEWSPAPER REPORT STATED THAT AMBASSADOR HAD INFORMED
CHATTOPADHYAYA THAT FIRST MEETING
OF JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL WOULD TAKE PLACE IN NOVEMBER OF THIS
YEAR. IN FACT, DISCUSSION WAS OF A JANUARY OR FEBRUARY
1976 MEETING. CHATTOPADHYAYA INDICATED THAT GOI WAS STILL CONSIDERING
ON COMPOSITION OF INDIAN MEMBERSHIP OF JBC. IT TENTATIVELY WAS
THINKING OF INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE ENTERPRISES SUCH
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AS THE STATE TRADING CORPORATION AND

NATIONALIZED BANKS. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF
MEMBERSHIP BY INDIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

3. BOMBAY - PLEASE INFORM IRVIN. CALCUTTA AND MADRAS PLEASE
DRAW ON AS YOU SEE FIT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH INDIAN AND US
BUSINESSMEN.SAXBE

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